

There must have been stronger stuff than beer available in the village, though, for we found Timothy drunk as a pope in the bosom of his extended family. In the immortal phrase of a former British cabinet secretary, Timothy had been “economical with the truth”. He did not know how to get to the forest by car, but the thought of his family and country liquor also meant that he had not bothered to do much research on the subject. So we had all walked an unnecessary 24 kilometres to strengthen his family ties. I would have let him walk home, about the same distance we had done, but Malcolm was too soft-hearted for that!

The Central Region Development Commission (CEDECOM) is trying to make Kakum Forest the focus of ecological tourism. As far as I am concerned this particular hike was taking ecological tourism a bit too far.

Among the butterflies I had caught was a large and beautiful Glider of the genus *Cymothoe* Hb., belonging to the group of blood-red species, but this one a subdued orange-yellow. Already when I caught it, I knew it was something very special. That night, at Cape Coast, I found it to be *Cymothoe aubergeri*, a species described by Plantrou after a small series from Abengourou in Côte d'Ivoire in 1977, and not recorded since. But for Monsieur Auberger, my wife would now have had a truly splendid *Cymothoe nancy* as a reward for my frequent absences!

I am writing this in a small hotel called Dans Paradise in Cape Coast. There is no apostrophe, so I am not sure whether it is French for “in paradise” or English for “Dan's paradise”, and the staff do not know. There is even the suggestion that it is named for the Dan tribe in neighbouring Côte d'Ivoire. I am, however, quite sure that it is the most absurdly mis-named hotel that I have ever stayed in. The name “Paradise” would not meet the standards of the UK Trades Descriptions Act.

But I must stop now. I really do not like the steady stream of little red ants emerging from disk drive B on the portable computer. The section on debugging in the manual says nothing about it!— TORBEN B. LARSEN, 358 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8PL.

### **A possible second brood White Admiral *Ladoga camilla* (L.) (Lep.: Nymphalidae)?**

Whilst spending a pleasant, mild early autumn afternoon at Hoads Wood, near Pluckley in Kent on 23 September 1995 I recorded a good number of overwintering larvae of the White Admiral. This was not unusual in this locality with its profuse honeysuckle long associated with the butterfly. What was most unusual was the sudden appearance of a fine, male White Admiral. No further butterflies were seen that day or on a visit the next week.

I have never encountered this species so late in the year and, given the long hot summer, it seems likely that this was a restricted second brood.

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